



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Do something. If it works, do more of it. If it doesn't, do something else." ~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Aug. 21, 2013

Hillbilly Haiku Music Fest - Aug. 30

The Hillbilly Haiku Americana Music Festival, hosted by Upland Brewing with proceeds benefiting Sycamore Land Trust, will have an outdoor concert on Aug. 30 featuring Houndmouth, a folk rock band from New Albany. Volunteers will help set up, staff the admissions table, serve food and clean up, and will receive free admission, food, and drinks! There's still time to claim a shift between 3:30 -11:30 p.m. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Katrina Folsom at (812) 336-5382 ext. 102 or info@sycamorelandtrust.org. (www.sycamorelandtrust.org)

Free CASA-Raiser Breakfast – Sept. 4

Learn how you can make a huge difference in an abused child's life by becoming a court-appointed special advocate (CASA) by attending their free CASA-raiser breakfast from 8-9 a.m. on Sept. 4 at Trinity Episcopal Church on Grant St. You'll meet current CASAs, have your questions answered, and enjoy a delicious breakfast. CASAs represent the best interests of a child in court while also monitoring the child's health and education. Volunteers are urgently needed to serve children now! The next training will be on Tues. and Thurs. from 5:30-8:30 p.m. from Oct. 1 through Nov. 7. Applications are due Sept. 20. Average time commitment is 10-15 hours a month. CASAs must be 21, and have daytime flexibility and reliable transportation. Please contact David Szonyi at (812) 333-2272 ext. 11 or david.szonyi@monroecountycasa.org. (www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer)

Basic Mediation Training – Sept. 14, 15, 21, 22

The Community Justice and Mediation Center (CJAM) is offering 'Basic Mediation Training' from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sept. 14, 15, 21 and 22 at the IU Maurer School of Law. Tuition is \$200 with discounts possible for those with financial need. Class size is limited to 24. Participants must attend all classes to complete the course. While the training is provided to build CJAM's ranks of trained volunteer mediators, it is valuable for anyone who regularly encounters conflict. CJAM is a leader in collaborative decision-making, conflict resolution and restorative justice. Its mediators work with business managers, customers, homeowners, landlords, roommates, non-profit boards, juvenile offenders and victims of crime. Minimum age is 16. Please contact them at (812) 336-8677 or training@jamcenter.org. (jamcenter.wordpress.com)

WonderLab Volunteer Training – Sept. 19

Get trained to be a WonderLab Museum volunteer! Volunteers encourage visitors of all ages to explore hands-on exhibits and programs. WonderLab volunteers include teens, college students, scientists, educators, business people, parents and senior adults. Some volunteers bring a wide range of expertise, while others learn new skills on the job. Anyone who believes in the value of hands-on experience is welcome. Upcoming trainings are from 5:30-7 p.m. on Sept. 19, from 3:30-5 p.m. on Oct. 3 and from 5:30-7 p.m. on Nov. 13. Minimum age is 12. Please contact Jeanne Gunning at jeanne@wonderlab.org or 337-1337 ext. 21. (www.wonderlab.org)

Buddy Walk for Down Syndrome – Oct. 6

Join Down Syndrome Family Connection for the annual Buddy Walk at 3 p.m. on Oct. 6 at Bryan Park, which will feature live music and a carnival area. There are many opportunities for individuals and groups to help out before, during, and after the Buddy Walk, including planning, marketing, set-up, registration, refreshments, the carnival and clean-up. Minimum age is 16. Please contact Cyndi Johnson at cyndi@downsyndromefamilyconnection.org. (www.downsyndromefamilyconnection.org)

Community Wish List Spotlight

Middle Way House PAWSS Program

Creates a network of volunteers and animal fosterers who care for the pets of families temporarily living at a Middle Way House facility. To grant a wish, contact Debra Morrow at volunteer@middlewayhouse.org or (812) 337-4510. (www.middlewayhouse.org)

Wishes: dog leashes, Nyla bones and toys, collars, carriers, crates, beds, food and water bowls, premium dog food. Cat collars, litter pans, scoops and litter, toys, beds, scratch posts, carriers, premium cat food. Gift cards for local pet stores.

Use the [Community Wish List](#) to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

